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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CUBAN SANCTIONS

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1. SHORTLY AFTER REFTEL WAS DISPATCHED, I WAS CALLED IN BY FONMIN FACIO TO DISCUSS LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. HE SAYS HE WAS CLLED AT 8A.M. BY SCHACHT WHO URGED THAT OAS ACTION BE ACCELERATED IN LIGHT OF CUBAN ACTION. ACCORDING TO FACIO, SCHACHT ALSO REPEATED THE RUMOR THAT US MIGHT TAKE PRECIPITATE ACTION ON CUBA, SPECULATION WHICH FACIO SAYS HE VIGOROUSLY REBUTTED.

2. FACIO SAYS THAT LATER THIS MORNING HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM HIS AMBASSADOR IN BOGOTA RELAYING A PERSONAL INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT LOPEZ FOR FACIO TO COME FOR A PERSONAL DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FACIO NOW PLANS TO TRAVEL TO BOGOTA SUNDAY AFTRNOON. HE EXPECTS THAT THERE WILL BE DIRECT CONSULTATIONS FROM BOGOTA WITH GOV, AND THAT A COMMON POSITION WILL BE ADOPTED BEFORE HE LEAVES THERE.

3. FONMIN VOLUNTEERED TO ME THAT ODUBER HAD HAD A CALL FROM PRESIDENT PEREZ EXPRESSING GOV CONCERNS. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, ADMIT THAT ANY PRIOR DECISION HAS ALREADY BEEN

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TAKEN BY THE CHIEF OF STATE (PARA 3 REFTEL).

4. I GAVE FACIO THE SUBSTANCE OF STATE 184049, AS I HAD EARLIER TO MARIO BLANCO. HE RESPONDED THAT GOCR ITSELF STILL HAS NO OBJECTION TO WAITING UNTIL LATE IN THE YEAR FOR OAS ACTION, BUT HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT FINAL DECISION WILL BE REACHED IN CONCERT WITH GOC AND GOV.

5. WHEN I EMPHASIZED OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS ON THIS MATTER, AND OUR PARTICULAR HOPE THAT NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS WOULD BE MADE WITHOUT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO COMMENT, FACIO SAID THAT IT IS HIS INTENT TO BRIEF AMBASSADOR VAKY ON ANY DECISIONS REACHED IN BOGOTA, AND IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO ALLOW US AT LEAST 24 HOURS TO REACT. I THANKED THE MINISTER FOR HIS CONTINUING COOPERATION IN THIS SENSITIVE MATTER, AND ASKED HIM TO LET ME KNOW IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER CHANGES IN HIS PLANS.

6. COMMENT: I THINK THAT FACIO CONTINUES TO BE REASONABLY FRANK WITH US ALTHOUGH HE MAY NOT TELL US EVERYTHING HE KNOWS. WE MUST ASSUME THAT THE THREE PRESIDENTS HAVE IN FACT ALREADY REACHED A NEW UNDERSTANDING TO PROCEED WITH OAS ACTION, BUT THE TIMEING MAY NOT YET BE FIXED. IN ANY CASE WE MAY HAVE OUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE OUR POSITION KNOWN THROUGH AMBASSADOR VAKY IN BOGOTA. I BELIEVE WE HAVE GONE ABOUT AS FAR DOWN THIS ROAD AS WE CAN AND THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO TRY TO ACCOMMODATE THE THREE COUNTRIES' DISPOSITION TO MAKE AT LEAST SOME PRELIMINARY MOVES IN THE OAS SHORTLY.
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